

Kelso Planning Department ^[1]

The Planning Department is primarily responsible for the coordination and approval process for all proposed land development, and is also involved in a number of special projects and long-term land use planning activities. The department tracks statistical information such as population estimates and other relevant demographic information. The department performs inspections of and enforces the Critical Areas ordinance and Shoreline Master Program requirements and responds to general zoning and planning inquiries. The department also provides staff support to the city of Kelso Planning Commission, serving as a liaison between the Commission, and the City Council and the public.

Maps

[Official Zoning Map](#) ^[2] (pdf)

[Critical Area Maps Sources](#) ^[3]

Smart Growth Implementation Report

The Cowlitz-Wahkiakum Council of Governments, in partnership with the city of Kelso, Washington, requested technical assistance from EPA's Smart Growth Implementation Assistance Program to develop a smart growth economic development strategy focusing on the South Kelso neighborhood, specifically downtown Kelso, the South Kelso residential community, and the Talley Way industrial area.

Using Smart Growth Strategies to Foster Economic Development: A Kelso, Washington, Case Study (2015) aims to help cities like Kelso rethink how to address economic development challenges with small, manageable solutions that create stronger, more resilient communities. A smart growth economic development strategy needs to support businesses and workers and improve quality of life. Smart growth approaches bring together these elements and recognize the balance among them and the need to create long-term value in addition to short-term gains.

The report can be accessed through the [EPA's website](#) ^[4].

Plan Reviews

The Planning Department's goal is to process all applications for land use development in an expedient manner. A complete and thorough application submittal offers the best chance for a timely review and permit issuance. To this end, pre-application conferences are required for many types of land use applications.

The complexity and completeness of all plans will affect the review time of construction projects. For new construction projects east of Interstate 5, a current geotechnical report will be required at time of plan submittal.

Forms and Documents

[Master Land Use Application](#) ^[5] (must be filled out for all land use applications)

[Administrative Use Checklist](#) ^[6]

[Appeal of Administrative Decision Checklist](#) ^[7]

[Boundary Line Adjustment Checklist](#) ^[8]

[Critical Area Checklist](#) ^[9]

[Design Review Handbook](#) ^[10] (Guidelines for development within the Downtown Design Guidelines Overlay District)

[Environmental Checklist Form](#) ^[11] (pdf)

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[JARPA](#) ^[13]

[Narrative Form](#) ^[14]

[Planned Unit Residential Development \(PURD\) Checklist](#) ^[15]

[Plat - Final Checklist](#) ^[16]

[Plat - Preliminary Checklist](#) ^[17]

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[Pre-Application Conference Form](#) ^[19]

[Shoreline Checklist](#) ^[20]

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[Variance Checklist](#) ^[26]

[Zoning Text Change Checklist](#) ^[27]

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